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SUBJECT: PAN AM- IRAN DEAL

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1. MEHDI SAMII TOLD US THAT IN LIGHT OF SECTION 409 IN FEDERAL AVIATION ACT NOTED REFTEL, HE HAD EXPLORED POSSIBILITY WITHIN GOI OF SOME ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN IRAN AIR BEING MADE LENDER IN PROPOSED PANAM-IRAN DEAL. HIS THOUGHT WAS THAT IF THIS WERE POSSIBLE THEN CONSTRAINTS IN SECTION 409 MIGHT BE GOTTEN AROUND. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID POSITION WITHIN GOI AND ESPECIALLY IN IRAN AIR HAS, IF ANYTHING, HARDENED. THEREFORE, IT NOW UP TO PANAM TO PRESENT THE MATTER TO CAB AND SEEK CAB EXCEPTION. IF CAB UNWILLING TO DO SO, SAMII SAID LACONICALLY THEN USG IS GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOME OTHER WAY TO SAVE PANAM.

2. SAMII WILL BE IN THE US APRIL 17-18 IN CONNECTION WITH IBRD-IMB BUSINESS. HE WILL PROBABLY MEET WITH PANAM AT THAT TIME TO ASSESS THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. IN THE MEANTIME NOTHING FURTHER IS GOING ON ON IRANIAN SIDE.

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